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Subject: Letter to the Planning Commission for tonight's meeting

Dear Ingrid,

Please send this letter to the Planning Commisioners and ask that it be read aloud at tonight's meeting.

Thank you,
Beth

Dear Honorable Planning Commissioners,

Now that the vote on 1800-2200 Housing units for the Baylands has passed, Brisbane citizens are looking to our Planning Commission and City Council to uphold the promises made to obtain that yes on housing vote.

One of the important ones, which I understand you will hear tonight is the design, planning and implementation of Brisbane's mandate to require affordable housing. Our General Plan requires 20% low-income units of developments greater than 10 units. This regulation before you proposes 15% mostly middle income units. Many citizens who were willing to go along with housing on the Baylands did so because they wanted Brisbane to generously play its part in providing an inclusive and balanced housing plan.

The City of Brisbane and its residents have prided ourselves for having high standards and wanted our low-income housing to be integrated into the town. I don't think anyone would want a repeat of Geneva Towers. I do hope that our Planning Commission will:

1. set appropriate limits on the housing constraints that will include an open space to resident recreation ratio that meets our highest standards,
2. clean up the landfill toxins to the most stringent safety degree,
3. map the wetlands and prepare for sea level rise,
4. create a sense of an integrated town where the affordable housing units are not "ghettoized,"

5. prioritize what is crucial to create community.

Without a deep level of analysis and design, the City of Brisbane will literally pay for our own shortsighted planning that just bows to the desires of the developers and legislators who do not live here. We have the opportunity to plan for sustainable, inclusive, well designed, livable, integrated, safe, affordable housing in Brisbane before us.

Thank you for your consideration and your service,
Beth Grossman